

March 6, 2008

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Wendell Roundy (arrived late), Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk; Danny Perkins, Garfield County Sheriff and Chris Hatch, Sheriff's Office; Julie Ketchum, Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias, Denise Pennington and Ray Nelson, Kay Ripplinger, Steve Lowder, Daniel Reeder, Ashley Coombs, Scott Brodie.

The agenda was revised to allow for approval of the minutes of the last meeting after Wendell arrived.

Chris Hatch distributed a copy of a proposed community emergency preparedness plan. They asked us to review it and adopt it (with or without changes) then send it to her office. They would like this done as soon as possible.

She also distributed a handout on the pandemic flu. A treatment is available and we can reserve dosages for \$20/person for our infrastructure people (Town Council, Fire Department and water company personnel, etc.) (Sue Fullmer arrived.) They anticipate that we could reserve 20 doses. The shelf life of the medication is seven years, and it will be distributed to the County at the first outbreak. Anyone else who wants it can buy it for themselves through the County as long as they don't exceed their allotment.

The treatment is not a cure but helps protect a person's immune system. She and the sheriff stated that an outbreak of the bird flu is not "if" but "when," and we need to be prepared. Their allotment will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, and we need to get our order to them as soon as possible. (Chanda Spalding and Colleen Hart came.) The bird flu has not come to the United States yet, but once it comes, it will be serious. It can be passed from person to person. When it does come, the treatment will be released.

There are only so many doses available per area. (Tom Jerome came.) We need to get our reservations to the County as soon as possible—within two weeks. The effectiveness is not guaranteed. (Wendell came.) Gladys feels the Town Council has a responsibility to decide who they want to cover for the protection of the Town's infrastructure. As stated earlier, the Council, Fire Department, some water people, and also the postmaster should be protected. (Linda Crawford and daughters came.) We should call the Sheriff's Department if we have any questions. Townspeople could order doses through the town or through the county.

Linda had suggestions on storage and rotation. There was a discussion on Tamaflu, the treatment being discussed. We will think about it and have a special meeting if necessary to decide how to proceed.

Julie asked if we want a committee to consider the Emergency Plan. Sue is here because the school is mandated to have an emergency plan. They have been working on one and would be willing to work with us. Gladys feels we may need to have a committee including representatives from the school, Fire Department, EMT's, etc.

Judi had a request from a man who wants to introduce townspeople to his line of food storage products by hosting a free lunch at the town hall. If anyone wanted to order, they would do it through a person in town at a separate place. The Council agreed to let him use the building without a charge.

Scott Brodie is representing Mark to discuss the SITLA issue. He reviewed recent letters which had been received, but there are no new written communications since our last meeting. Mark talked to Kevin Carter, who seemed a bit secretive. There are new people who are interested in the parcel, but SITLA won't name them. The Town can make its own proposal when the time comes. Hugh Wolfe of the Monument believes a trade is feasible. Mark and Scott will check with the BLM and find out the process. Mike Noel may be a potential ally. Orrin Hatch has offered his help. We still want a trade out. We don't know the outcome of Marvin's request to have the appraisal shared with us.

Scott reported on two Scenic Byways grants which were awarded. One is to continue the position filled by John Holland and the other is to fund the proposed signage along Highway 12.

Tom Jerome has been in touch with Donna Chynoweth and reported that the Escalante Senior Citizens have two vans. One is a 12-passenger van that we could use a couple of times a month. We would need volunteer drivers (he and Peg are reluctant volunteers,) and passengers would need to pay \$2.50 for travel within the County and \$7.50 if the van went out of the County. Senior Citizens have first option to ride, then anyone else could ride in order to fill up the van. This could meet the need of our older citizens to go shopping, to doctor or dentist appointments, or to meet other needs. He is in the process of working out the details. Peg wondered if we could have a van stationed here. If the Council has any leverage, would we use it? Tom wondered if we need an organized Senior Citizens' group. Gladys offered to ask Dell what the County can do. After some discussion, Tom agreed to contact Dell.

Gladys made a motion we approved the minutes of the meeting of February 7 as

presented. Wendell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There was discussion on the landfill. Wendell has new information that there is still plenty of room for construction pits. Gladys will check on the new County ordinance requiring construction dumpsters to see how it affects us. We need to get someone to dig the pits for us as needed.

The Park Committee will order materials for the shelter in order to spend the grant money before the deadline.

Two building permits were issued last month, one to the Bosworths for a home and one to Blake for a greenhouse.

Gladys made a motion we go to executive session to discuss litigation, personnel, and property. Wendell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows:

Wendell Roundy	Aye
Gladys LeFevre	Aye
Bill Muse	Aye

The Council went to executive session at 8:20 p.m. At 8:35 p.m. Wendell made a motion open meeting resume. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Wendell Roundy	Aye
Gladys LeFevre	Aye
Bill Muse	Aye

Wendell made a motion the meeting adjourn. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.